

§ 1135.10

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(f) Any person defined as a producer-handler;

(g) Any person in his capacity as the operator of another order plant described in § 1135.7(c) (2) and (3);

(h) Any person in his capacity as the operator of an unregulated supply plant; and

(i) Any person in his capacity as the operator of an exempt distributing plant.

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§ 1135.10 Producer-handler.

Producer-handler means any person who meets all of the following conditions:

(a) Operates a dairy farm and a distributing plant at which Grade A milk of his own production is processed and packaged, and from which there is route disposition in the marketing area;

(b) Receives no milk or fluid milk products from any source other than pool plants, other order plants, and bulk tank handlers described in § 1135.9 (b) and (d);

(c) Such receipts do not exceed the lesser of 5 percent of his Class I utilization during the month or 5,000 pounds;

(d) Does not reconstitute or convert milk products into fluid milk products except to increase by the addition of nonfat dry milk the nonfat milk solids content of its own farm production or of fluid milk products received from other sources; and

(e) Provides proof satisfactory to the market administrator that the care and management of the dairy animals and other resources necessary for his own farm production and the operation of the processing and packaging business are the personal enterprise and risk of such person.

§ 1135.11 [Reserved]

§ 1135.12 Producer.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, *producer* means any person who produces milk approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for disposition as Grade A milk and whose milk is:

(1) Received at a pool plant directly from such person;

(2) Received by a handler described in § 1135.9 (b), (c) or (d); or

(3) Diverted from a pool plant in accordance with § 1135.13.

(b) “Producer” shall not include:

(1) A producer-handler as defined in any order (including this part) issued pursuant to the Act;

(2) Any person who produces milk that is diverted to a pool plant from an other order plant if the other order designates such person as a producer under that order and such milk is allocated to Class II or Class III utilization pursuant to § 1135.44(a)(8)(iii) and the corresponding step of § 1135.44(b); or

(3) Any person who produces milk that is reported as diverted to an other order plant if any portion of such person’s milk so moved is assigned to Class I under the provisions of such other order or the other order designates such person as a producer under such order.

§ 1135.13 Producer milk.

Producer milk means the skim milk and butterfat in milk of a producer that is:

(a) Received at a pool plant directly from such producer by the operator of the plant;

(b) Received at a pool plant from a handler described in § 1135.9(c);

(c) Received by a handler described in § 1135.9(c) in excess of the quantity delivered to pool plants;

(d) Received by a handler described in § 1135.9(d) that is not diverted pursuant to paragraph (f) of this section;

(e) Diverted from a pool plant for the account of the handler operating such plant to another pool plant; or

(f) Diverted from a pool plant to a nonpool plant by a pool plant operator or a handler described in § 1135.9 (b) or (d), subject to the following conditions:

(1) Milk of a dairy farmer who was not a “producer” in the preceding two months shall not be eligible for diversion until one day’s production of milk is physically received at a pool plant;

(2) During each of a dairy farmer’s first three months as a “producer” under this order, and after any period of two months or longer that a dairy farmer is not a “producer” under this order, milk of the dairy farmer shall

not be eligible for diversion unless during the month one day's production of milk of such dairy farmer is physically received as producer milk at a pool plant;

(3) The total quantity of milk diverted by a cooperative association during any month may not exceed 80 percent of the producer milk that the cooperative association causes to be delivered to or diverted from pool plants during the month. Two or more cooperative associations may have their allowable diversions computed on the basis of the combined deliveries of the producer milk which the associations cause to be delivered to pool plants or diverted from pool plants during the month if each association has filed a request in writing with the market administrator on or before the first day of the month the agreement is to be effective. This request shall specify the basis for assigning over-diverted milk to the producer deliveries of each cooperative according to a method approved by the market administrator;

(4) The total quantity of milk diverted during the month by a proprietary bulk tank handler described in § 1135.9(d) may not exceed 80 percent of the producer milk that the handler causes to be delivered to or diverted from pool plants during the month;

(5) The operator of a pool plant may divert for its account any milk that is not under the control of a cooperative association or a proprietary bulk tank handler that diverts milk during the month pursuant to paragraphs (f)(3) and (4) of this section. The total quantity so diverted during any month may not exceed 80 percent of the producer milk received at or diverted from such pool plant during the month that is eligible to be diverted by the plant operator; and

(6) Any milk diverted in excess of the limits prescribed in paragraphs (f) (3), (4), and (5) of this section shall not be producer milk. The diverting handler may designate the dairy farmers whose diverted milk will not be producer milk. Otherwise, the total milk diverted by the handler on the last day of the month, then the second-to-last day, and so on in daily allotments will be

excluded until all of the over-diverted milk is accounted for.

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§ 1135.14 Other source milk.

Other source milk means all skim milk and butterfat contained in or represented by:

(a) Receipts of fluid milk products and bulk fluid cream products from any source other than producers, handlers described in § 1135.9 (c) and (d), pool plants;

(b) Receipts in packaged form from other plants of products specified in § 1135.40(b)(1);

(c) Products (other than fluid milk products, products specified in § 1135.40(b)(1), and products produced at the plant during the same month) from any source which are reprocessed, converted into, or combined with another product in the plant during the month; and

(d) Receipts of any milk product (other than a fluid milk product or a product specified in § 1135.40(b)(1)) for which the handler fails to establish a disposition.

§ 1135.15 Fluid milk product.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section *fluid milk product* means any milk products in fluid or frozen form containing less than 9 percent butterfat, that are in bulk or are packaged, distributed and intended to be used as beverages. Such products include, but are not limited to: Milk, skim milk, lowfat milk, milk drinks, buttermilk, and filled milk, including any such beverage products that are flavored, cultured, modified with added nonfat milk solids, sterilized, concentrated (to not more than 50 percent total milk solids), or reconstituted.

(b) The term *fluid milk product* shall not include:

(1) Plain or sweetened evaporated milk, plain or sweetened evaporated skim milk, sweetened condensed milk or skim milk, formulas especially prepared for infant feeding or dietary use that are packaged in hermetically sealed containers, any product that contains by weight less than 6.5 percent nonfat milk solids, and whey; and